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CUTTING OF CABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether there has been rise in the incidents of cutting of cables in Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh, Jaunapur, Basti, Faizabad, Siddarth Nagar, Gorakhpur and Mau ever since the private companies have spread their network;

(b)if so, the details thereof during the last one year;

(c)the reasons therefor;

(d)the steps taken/being taken to restore the telephone lying dead due to cutting of cables and waive off the monthly telephone rent in those areas; and

(e)the time by which all the telephones lying dead are likely to be restored?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) Sir, there has been trend of marginal increase of incidents of cutting of cables due to theft, damage by private companies and expansion of highways etc. by highway/ PWD authorities in some areas of BSNL network. Details of cutting of cables during last one year (November, 2005 to October, 2006) in Mazaffarnagar, Azamgarh, Jaunpur, Basti, Faizabad, Siddarth Nagar, Gorakhpur and Mau is given below:-

Sl. No.	Name of SSA	No. of incidents of cutting of cables	Reasons for the damage
1	Mazaffarnagar	22	In 21 incidents due to theft and in one incident by PWD.
2	Azamgarh	8	Theft
3	Jaunpur	2	Private companies
4	Basti including Siddarth Nagar	5	Private companies
5	Faizabad	9	Government agencies for widening of roads.
6	Gorakhpur	9	Private companies
7	Mau	Nil	-

(d)Telephones are restored by jointing/replacing the cables and by providing WLL connections also. Monthly telephone rent is being waived off as per standing guidelines.

(e)No telephone is lying dead due to cable cut at present in these places.